

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on August 22, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification, canceled claims 1-20, and presented claims 21-29. Claim 1 is the independent claim, and essentially corresponds to original claims 9, 15 and 16. The remaining claims correspond to various respective ones of the original claims. Claims 21-29 are pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected the claims as being indefinite. Because claims 1-20 have been canceled, these rejections have been rendered moot. However, in drafting claims 21-29, special care has been taken to address all of the various matters noted by the Examiner's Action, and to otherwise ensure that the pending claims comply with the provisions of 35 USC, Section 112.

It is noted that the Examiner's Action has not rejected original claims 16 through 18, in view of the art of record. Because newly added independent claim 21 includes the subject matter of dependent claim 16, as well as the subject matter of dependent claim 18, which claims were not rejected in view of the prior art, and because all of the original claims have been canceled, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot, and it is submitted that this application has therefore been placed into condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

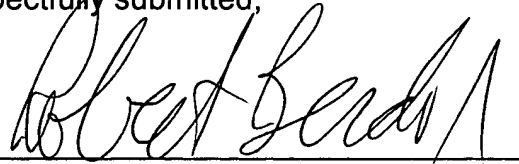
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Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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